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March 15, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHT TO
APPLY FOR FUNDS UNDER THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITION
OF 1996 TO THE CITIES OF HERMOSA BEACH AND MANHATTAN BEACH
(4TH DISTRICT)(3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Class 4 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines.
2. Adopt the attached resolution authorizing the right to apply for funds under Section (3), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition) to the City of Hermosa Beach for \$1,900,000 for its Lifeguard Headquarters Replacement Project and to the City of Manhattan Beach for \$400,000 for its El Porto Retaining Wall Project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended action will allow the Department of Beaches and Harbors (Department) to assign the right to apply for a total amount of \$2,300,000 from the \$8,000,000 allocated to the Department under Section (3), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) of the 1996 Proposition to the Cities of Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach.

The 1996 Proposition allocated \$8,000,000 to the Department for improvement of beaches owned or operated by the County. The County may assign its right to apply for these funds to other agencies to implement the intent of the Proposition. The Department will assign its right to apply for a total of \$2,300,000 of these funds to the Cities of Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach. The City of Hermosa Beach will apply \$1,900,000 of these funds to supplement other City, County and State funds to reconstruct the Hermosa Beach lifeguard headquarters facility. The City of Manhattan Beach will apply \$400,000 of these funds to supplement other City, County and Federal funds to reconstruct the El Porto parking lot retaining wall.

In a related action on today's agenda, the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (District) is requesting your Board's approval to allow the transfer of \$2,300,000 to the Cities of Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach.

Following is a brief description of the projects that the Cities will be accomplishing with these funds:

Hermosa Beach Lifeguard Headquarters Replacement

In 2002, the existing three-story lifeguard headquarters building, which is located at the base of the Hermosa Beach Pier, was determined to be structurally unsound and more economical to rebuild than to retrofit. As part of its pier renovation project, the City of Hermosa Beach determined that it would demolish the 2,250 square foot building and construct a new three-story 3,760 square foot building. The City also decided to replace the former 1,200 square foot garage building with a 1,815 square foot garage building, including a 1,050 square foot boathouse. The existing public restroom building is also being replaced. The total cost for these improvements is estimated at approximately \$5.8 million, and the project-funding sources include City, County and State funds.

Manhattan Beach El Porto Parking Lot Retaining Wall

The City of Manhattan Beach is reinforcing the retaining wall immediately west of the El Porto parking lot extending from 45th Street to Rosecrans Avenue (approximately 1,900 feet in length). The Los Angeles County Public Works Department has participated on the design of the project, which includes the placement of a soldier-pile wall in front of the existing retaining wall that will remain intact. The El Porto retaining wall provides support for the vehicular parking lot and separates the parking lot from the beach area. The total cost for this improvement is estimated at approximately \$1.8 million, and the project-funding sources include City, County, and Federal funds.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Service Excellence (Goal 1) and Children and Families' Well-being (Goal 5) by allowing the Cities of Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach to complete beach capital improvements, thereby enhancing the safety of beachgoers and improving public access to and enjoyment of two major beaches in the County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient funds in the amount of \$2,300,000 are appropriated in the District's Assessment Project Fund (HB4) under Other Charges for these projects. Each City will be required to provide assurances to the District that the funds will be expended in accordance with the intent of the 1996 Proposition and the procedural guidelines adopted by your Board, acting as Board of the District.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition set forth various deadlines for agencies to encumber funds allocated to them in the Proposition and further set forth procedures for agencies to request reallocation of those funds. Specified Project funds identified in Section (3), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) of the 1996 Proposition are subject to reallocation by your Board under the provisions of Section (5), Subsection (e) of the 1996 Proposition. An alternative plan for expenditure to amend specific identified projects or for expenditure of these funds after July 1, 2003 may be approved, allowing for the expenditure of funds in accordance with the purposes of the 1996 Proposition within the area of the District in which funds were originally authorized to be expended.

The attached resolution has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Class 4 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987. Projects funded through the District are required to undergo the applicable CEQA review.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These actions will have no impact on other projects funded through the District but will provide the Cities of Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach with full funding for their lifeguard headquarters and parking lot retaining wall projects, respectively.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

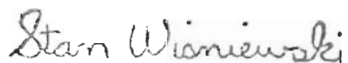
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CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one conformed copy of the resolution, along with one approved copy of this letter, each to the Chief Administrative Office, Capital Projects Division, to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, and to the Department of Beaches and Harbors.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stan Wisniewski".

Stan Wisniewski
Director

Attachment (1)

c: County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

**RESOLUTION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
APPROVING ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHT TO APPLY FOR FUNDS UNDER
SECTION (3), SUBSECTION (b), PARAGRAPH (1) OF
THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITION OF 1996
TO THE CITIES OF HERMOSA BEACH AND MANHATTAN BEACH**

WHEREAS, Section (3), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition) allocates to the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors \$8 million in funding for acquisition and development on the beaches owned or operated by Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS, the County may assign its right to apply for these funds to other agencies to implement the intent of the 1996 Proposition; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hermosa Beach plans to replace a structurally unsound lifeguard headquarters building, a garage and a public restroom building at the Hermosa Beach Pier, at a cost estimated at approximately \$5,800,000; and

WHEREAS, the City of Manhattan Beach plans to construct a new retaining wall outside of an old weakened wall that holds up the El Porto beach parking lot, at an estimated cost of approximately \$1,800,000; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Beaches and Harbors requests the transfer to the City of Hermosa Beach of the right to apply for \$1,900,000 of its funds for the City's Lifeguard Headquarters Replacement Project, and the transfer to the City of Manhattan Beach of the right to apply for \$400,000 of its funds for the El Porto Parking Lot Retaining Wall Project; and

WHEREAS, each City will be required to provide assurances to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District that the funds will be expended in accordance with the intent of the 1996 Proposition and the procedural guidelines adopted by your Board, acting as Board of the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this Resolution approving the right to apply for \$1,900,000 and \$400,000 in funds from the Los Angeles County Department of 'Beaches and Harbors' allocation under the 1996 Proposition to the Cities of Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach, respectively.

The foregoing Resolution was on the _____ day of _____, 2005 adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer-Clerk of the
Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles

By: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM
BY COUNTY COUNSEL

RAY G. FORTNER

By: Paul T. Hanson
Deputy